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Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

Like so many other Americans, I am very concerned about the safety of the food that I choose to eat. I do believe it is my right as a consumer to know if the food that I am eating has been genetically altered. Such foods pose unknown risks to the environment, to family farmers, to my health and the health of my family.

In May of 1998, a lawsuit was filed challenging the F.D.A.'s policy not to require labels on transgenic foods. I am writing in support of the demands of this lawsuit for safety testing and the complete and prominent labeling of such foods. Consumers should not be made unknowing guinea pigs in the industry's experiments with potentially dangerous foods. I am eager to hear that the F.D.A. is living up to its mandate to protect public health and will provide consumers with the information needed about the food we eat.

Sincerely,



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